

20th June 1968.

The Annual General Meeting of the Battalion was held on the above date at 8 P.M. in the Minor Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Lancasterian ~~to~~ Street, Carrickfergus (3rd Carrickfergus Co.). Thirty seven officers representing twelve companies attended, and the chair was occupied by the Battalion President, Mr. J.W. Sandford M.B.E., J.P. Apologies were received from four officers.

Following the opening hymns and prayer, the chairman welcomed Rev. J.W. McAuley, Magheramorne Pres. Church, to his first meeting. He paid tribute to all officers in the Battalion and said he was pleased to know that the standard in East Antrim was increasing.

The Secretary presented the report of the Executive and this was received on the proposal of Rev. Orr seconded by Mr. J. Smith.

Mr. A. McBride, Battalion Treasurer, presented his report and this was passed on the proposal of Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. Brooks.

The chairman thanked Office Bearers and members for their support during the session. He declared all offices vacant and asked Mr. W. R. Kelly, Capt. 2nd Belfast Co. and a vice chairman of the "1968 Committee" to conduct the elections of office bearers for 1968/69. This resulted as follows:-

PRESIDENT	J.W. Sandford M.B.E., J.P.	prop. B.P. Smyth	sec. Rev. A. Orr
VICE PRESIDENTS	J. Snoddy B.A. J. Buick	prop. J.N. Boal prop. Mr. E. Crooks	sec. J. Crooks sec. N. McClurg
BATT. CHAPLAIN	Rev. A. Orr M.A.	prop. Mr. E. Crooks	sec. Miss S. Gardner
SECRETARY	B.P. Smyth	prop. J. Simms	sec. Rev. A. Orr
TREASURER	A. McBride	prop. J.W. Sandford	sec. W.H. Ryan
M.I.D. EXEC. REP.	J.N. Boal	prop. A. McBride	sec. J. Smith
REPS. ON BATT. EXEC.	J. Simms J. Brooks Miss S. Gardner Miss McAllister	prop. B.P. Smyth prop. J. Buick	sec. J. Snoddy sec. G. McQuitty
FINANCE COMMITTEE	W.J. Fitzgill D. Hilditch J. Buick	prop. J. Brooks prop. J. Snoddy prop. J. McBully	sec. J. Snoddy sec. Athoodside sec. J.N. Boal
BADGES & TRAINING	J. Brooks, J. Snoddy G. Lynas W.J. Fitzgill R. Baillie	prop. D. Hilditch	sec. J.W. Sandford
AUDITORS	Revs. Ryan & Anderson	prop. J.W. Sandford	+ agreed

Mr. J. Brooks felt that in view of new regulations for the Christian Education Badge a special committee should be set up to advise on this important subject. Several officers spoke for and against and on a majority vote

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following a proposal by Mr. Brooks seconded by Mr. Finnis, it was agreed that the committee be set up. This to be comprised of the Battalion Chaplain, Rev. Orr, Revs. Lynch, Brennan, McAuley and Johnston and Messrs. Beal, McBride, Murphy and Brooks.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Kelly and invited him to speak to the meeting. Mr. Kelly then gave the composition of Brigade Council, described previous Council meetings which he had attended and spoke on the plans for Belfast 1968. He encouraged officers to register as soon as possible for what promised to be interesting meetings.

Mr. Sandford thanked the speaker for an informative address and also called on the members to attend Brigade Council.

Under, any other business, several officers spoke on the desirability of having the sports account incorporated in the annual accounts.

There being no further business, the Chairman pronounced the Benediction following which those present were entertained to supper by the ladies of 3rd Barrickpogus Junior Section.

W. Sandford
Chairman

R. P. Smyth
Secretary